

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence went "On the Record" with FOX News' Greta Van Susteren last night. Below is a transcript of Pence's remarks:

On the Latest State of Play

"Well, the House bill is H.R. 1. We passed a bill, remember in the face of a \$1.65 trillion deficit this year alone, we are asking liberals in the Senate to join with us to find \$61 billion dollars in savings. We are also fighting to defund ObamaCare; we're fighting to defund Planned Parenthood. H.R. 1 is the Republican position. Last week what we did was renew our commitment to H.R. 1. Tomorrow we are going to go to the floor and we are going to make sure our troops come first. We are going to make sure we fund our troops through the balance of the year and pass a one-week stopgap measure to keep the fight going on. Republicans are fighting hard to change the fiscal direction of our national government. As you can see, it has taken a real fight."

On Fighting for the American People

"I don't know if we are 'checkmating.' We are trying to score a victory for the American people, not for the Republican party. That victory is going to come in stages. First thing we have to do is make sure the troops come first. We have to make sure that our troops that are in harm's way as we speak in Afghanistan and Iraq, we are involved now in a war in Libya, we need to make sure there is no disruption in the flow of resources to our troops all over the world, especially those that are downrange. In so doing that, then I think Republicans are going to be in a position to continue to fight for taxpayers, continue to fight to defund ObamaCare, and defund abortion providers."

On the "Recalcitrance" of Liberals in the Senate

"I was in Republican leadership in the last Congress, you know, and I spent more than a few days down at the White House in the cabinet meeting. What I hope is happening is that the President of the United States is saying to the leader of his party in the Senate, 'Come on. It is time to step up.' The Republicans are asking for a very modest step in the direction of fiscal responsibility. Harry Reid began this process by calling it 'reckless, irresponsible.' It was remarkable tonight that Harry Reid went to the floor of the Senate and called our efforts to fund our troops through the end of this fiscal year a diversion. My hope is the president is telling Harry Reid and liberals in the Senate to tone it down. Let's focus on what is in the best interests of the American people, and is sending that kind of message. So far we've just run into resistance and recalcitrance. And as you've pointed out, Republicans have passed H.R. 1 in the House not once, but twice. Over the course of more than 40 days, Democrats have not succeeded in the Senate in passing one single bill to keep this government funded."

On How Amendments Affect Negotiations

"I think a lot of liberals in the Senate are allergic to spending cuts. Liberals in the Senate are out of touch with the American people, they are out of touch with the fiscal crisis facing this country. We have a \$14 trillion national debt, a \$1.65 trillion deficit this year alone. House Republicans in an unprecedentedly open process, including many bipartisan amendments--my amendment defunding Planned Parenthood passed on a bipartisan basis on the floor of the House of Representatives. We found the initial down payment on fiscal discipline with \$61 billion. We think that's the number. We're fighting for that number. We're also fighting to respect the values of the American people in the way we spend their money."